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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on March 15, 2005. No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported in Fig. 10 and throughout the specification and drawing.

New claim 5 is supported in the specification at page 17, lines 13-15 and from page 20, line 26 to page 21, line 7. New claim 6 is supported at page 12, lines 10-12.

New claims 7-8 include the allowable subject matter of original claims 1, 3, and 4, and should be allowable.